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May 25, 1951

Mrs. Ruth Shipley, Chief
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Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mrs. Shipley:

The Washington Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, is interested in I. F. Stone, who is also known as Isidor F. Stone and Isidor Feinstein. Stone is presently residing in France and is employed as the European correspondent for the New York publication, the "Daily Compass." Stone was issued United States passport 281450, which is, according to your files, valid until September 5, 1951.

In the event your office receives information indicating that Stone intends to remain in France beyond this date or information indicating that he is returning to the United States, it will be appreciated if you will advise this office.

For your additional information, Stone is described as follows:

Date of birth:	December 24, 1907
Place of birth:	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Race:	White
Height:	5'7"
Weight:	155 pounds
Eyes:	Blue
Hair:	Brown
Complexion:	Light
Marks:	Deaf; wears ear phone; near sighted; wears glasses
U. S. residence:	5618 Nebraska Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C.
Occupation:	Newspaper correspondent for the New York "Daily Compass."

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

C. W. STEIN
Special Agent in Charge

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Informant stated in 1950 that subject was a Communist as late as 1945 and his advice was sought by state leaders of CP on getting out attacks on Party enemies. He has been speaker at meetings of JAFRC and NCASF and reportedly has been affiliated with some 20 Communist front organizations. Defended CP leaders convicted in NYC in 1949. Subject has been criticized by CP and informant stated in 1951 that subject at time does, and at times does not, agree with the CP line. Other activities set out.

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DETAILS:

It should be noted that all organizations which are designated with an asterisk immediately following the name of the organization are organizations which have been declared by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

Abraham Lincoln Brigade*
and Veterans of Abraham Lincoln Brigade*

The March 22, 1938, issue of the "Daily Worker," an East Coast Communist newspaper, lists the name of

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I. F. STONE, among others, as backing the \$160,000 campaign launched by the Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade for the disabled veterans.

In the March 3, 1945, issue of the "New York Times" the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade had an advertisement entitled, "For America's Sake Break with Franco Spain." Among the sponsors and supporters of this statement was I. F. STONE.

On March 16, 1949, Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, advised that he attended a meeting of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade held in New York City on March 11, 1949. Dr. EDWARD K. BARSKY, Director of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee spoke briefly and urged members to attend a Caucus for Peace meeting to be held at Manhattan Center on April 4, 1949. Among the principal speakers was to be I. F. STONE.

Artists Front to Win the War

This organization was cited as a Communist front organization by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, Report of March 29, 1944, page 96.

The October 15, 1942, issue of the "Daily Worker" page 1, column 7, contained an announcement indicating that I. F. STONE was to be a speaker at a meeting sponsored by the Artists Front to Win the War to be held at Carnegie Hall, New York City, on October 16, 1942.

Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, on October 18, 1942, advised that I. F. STONE, Washington correspondent for "PM" and writer for "The Nation," did in fact speak at the above meeting, which was held on October 16, 1942.

Bill of Rights Conference

Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, advised that a Bill of Rights Conference was held at the

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Henry Hudson Hotel, New York City, on July 16-17, 1949, to consider the attack on America's Bill of Rights with special emphasis on the trial of the leaders of the Communist Party in New York City.

The June 17, 1949, issue of the "Daily Worker," page 5, column 1, listed I. F. STONE as among the sponsors of the above Bill of Rights Conference held July 16-17, 1949.

Citizens Committee for HARRY BRIDGES *

A letterhead of the Citizens Committee for HARRY BRIDGES dated June 7, 1941, listed I. F. STONE, Washington Editor of "The Nation," as a sponsor of this organization.

It is noted that HARRY BRIDGES, President of the International Longshoremen's Union, CIO, on April 4, 1950, was convicted in the United States District Court, San Francisco, California, for perjury arising from his alleged false statements at an immigration hearing in denying that he was a member of the Communist Party.

Civil Rights Congress *

On March 12, 1948, and March 18, 1948, Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability, advised that the name ISIDORE FEINSTEIN, 1081 Brighton Beach Avenue, appeared on a petition to the Attorney General in Washington urging the release of persons being held without bail on Ellis Island. According to the informant, these petitions were issued by the Civil Rights Congress of New York.

Committee of the 25

Confidential Informant T-5, of known reliability, advised on March 25, 1950, that a new Communist front organization known as the Committee of the 25 had filed a petition with the United Nations Commission on Human Rights and the United Nations General Assembly charging that the United States Government violates inalienable rights of its citizens and requesting that the United Nations investigate the alleged violations. Among the signers of the petition was I. F. STONE, Washington, D. C.

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Communist Party *

Confidential Informant T-6, of known reliability, advised in 1950 that the subject is a "fellow traveler of the Communist Party" with a strong possibility that he is actually a member of the Communist Party. The informant said that he based his opinion on his personal observation of STONE'S newspaper articles and the groups with which his name is linked in the newspapers.

The August 2, 1947, issue of the "Daily Worker," page 7, column 4, in the column entitled, "Letters From Our Readers" contained a copy of a transcript of a letter directed to the Editor of the "Daily Worker" by I. F. STONE in which he paid tribute to the recently deceased JOSEPH BRODSKY and stated, "I would like to add my own humble salute to his gallantry and devotion."

Regarding JOSEPH BRODSKY, the July 31, 1947, issue of the "Daily Worker," page 5, column 1, indicated that BRODSKY, who had recently died, was a charter member of the Communist Party and a labor attorney.

The December 12, 1947, issue of the "Daily Worker," page 10, column 4, indicated that I. F. STONE, "PM" staff writer, was to be a speaker at a rally of Brooklyn College students to be held on December 18, 1947, protesting the barring of novelist HOWARD FAST and Communist Party Legislative Director ARNOLD JOHNSON from speaking before student groups at Brooklyn College.

It is noted that Confidential Informant T-34, of known reliability, on February 21, 1947, stated that HOWARD FAST was a member of the National Cultural Commission of the Communist Party. (C)

The February 19, 1948, issue of the "New York Times" contained an advertisement entitled, "Seat Gerson Now" which stated that I. F. STONE, Chief of "PM" Washington Bureau, supported the view that SIMON W. GERSON should be seated in the City Council in the place vacated by the late Communist Councilman PETER V. CACCHIONE. The article states that a member of the Communist Party should succeed CACCHIONE and that the spirit of the law called for the seating of a Communist in the council vacancy.

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The October 30, 1949, issue of the "Worker," the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker," page 13, column 5, Section II, contained an article reflecting that I. F. STONE of the "Daily Compass" of New York was among those newspaper columnists protesting the verdict of "guilty" handed down against the 11 leaders of the Communist Party in the United States District Court, New York City, for violation of the Smith Act.

Confidential Informant T-7, of known reliability, advised on December 1, 1949, that the editorial and reporting staff of the "Daily Compass" is composed in the majority of Communists and Communist sympathizers. The informant listed ISIDORE "IZZY" STONE, Washington correspondent for the paper, as a pro-Soviet and stated that he believed STONE was a Communist.

The February 27, 1950, issue of the "Daily Compass," a New York newspaper, contained an article by I. F. STONE datelined "Chicago, February 26." In this article STONE, who had just witnessed the Progressive Party convention in Chicago, stated that if HENRY WALLACE ever launched a purge of "Reds" from the Progressive Party, "he will do something more serious than wreck the Party. He will fatally compromise the whole fight for civil liberties in this country."

Confidential Informant T-8, of known reliability, advised on April 4, 1950, that IRVING F. STONE was a member of the Communist Party whose membership was concealed.

The informant advised on June 26, 1950, that STONE was a newspaperman formerly with the "Philadelphia Record," "New York Evening Post" and now with the "Daily Compass." The informant said that he first met STONE sometime around 1931 to 1934 when STONE was working on the "Philadelphia Record." At this time STONE pretended to be a critic of the Communist Party. The informant said that he later learned that STONE was much closer to the Party than he pretended.

The informant said that he had learned definitely from Communist Party leaders that STONE was a member of the Communist Party. The informant said that IRVING F. STONE'S

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brother, MARK STONE, had also stated that the former was a member of the Communist Party. The informant continued that as late as 1945 Communist Party official JACK STACHEL had referred to IRVING F. STONE as an active Communist and that his advice was sought by the state leaders of the Communist Party on a number of points connected with getting out attacks on Party enemies.

Confidential Informant T-3 furnished information on October 26, 1950, indicating that I. F. STONE was among those who condemned the verdict and demanded bail for the 11 convicted leaders of the Communist Party in the Southern District of New York.

Confidential Informant T-9, of known reliability, advised that during the 15th National Convention of the Communist Party held December 28-31, 1950, in New York City JOHN GATES, one of the leaders of the Communist Party, read a report on Party vigilance in which GATES said that "a struggle must be conducted against such miserable instances as that of I. F. STONE, columnist for the 'New York Compass,' who discovered Utopia in TITO Yugoslavia." According to GATES, STONE found freedom there which he said was contrary to the situation in the Soviet Union. (X)

Confidential Informant T-10, of known reliability, advised in April, 1951, that the subject at times agrees with the Party line and at times he does not. The informant said that STONE is criticized by the Communist Party press and his Party affiliation was not known to the informant.

Council for Pan American Democracy *

Confidential Informant T-11, of known reliability, furnished information indicating that I. F. STONE, New York City, was among those signers of a letter issued by the Council for Pan American Democracy on June 8, 1945, directed to SPRUILLE BADEN, United States Ambassador to Argentina, appealing for State Department action "to help free the thousands of anti-fascists held prisoners in Argentine jails and concentration camps.

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American Committee of Jewish Writers,
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This organization was cited by the California Committee on Un-American Activities 1947 Report, page 45, as "among the Communist front organizations for racial agitation" which also serve as "money collecting media" and "as special political organizing centers for the racial minority they seek to champion."

Confidential Informant T-12, of known reliability, advised on November 16, 1948, that at a special meeting of the International Workers Order* held in Brooklyn, New York on November 14, 1948, AARON GOODELMAN, a Communist Party member, had given a report on a banquet given by the American Committee of Jewish Writers, Artists and Scientists on November 9, 1948, in New York City. The informant advised that GOODELMAN had stated that among the speakers at this banquet was I. F. STONE, "New York Star," formerly "PM" columnist. (c)

Jefferson School of Social Science *

The December 7, 1946, issue of the "Daily Worker," page 8, column 4, contained a notice indicating that I. F. STONE was to be one of the speakers in eight panel discussions to be held at the Jefferson School of Social Science in New York City.

A throw-away folder issued by the above school indicated that I. F. STONE, "PM" staff reporter and author of "Underground of Palestine," was to be a lecturer at the 1946 bookfaire of the Jefferson School.

Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee *

Confidential Informant T-2 advised that a dinner was held by the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee on September 24, 1946, at the Hotel Biltmore in New York City. The informant said that I. F. STONE, Chief of "PM's" Washington Bureau, was one of the speakers. The informant said that although STONE is not a Stalinist, "his compassion for his co-religionists impelled him to praise the governments of

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Yugoslavia and Bulgaria for granting the Jews and other minorities complete equality." According to the informant, STONE stated that Moscow's current dissemination of Ukrainian leaders was interpreted as a helpful purge since many Soviet citizens in that area had developed fierce anti-semitic feelings implanted by the Nazi horde.

Confidential Informant T-13, of known reliability, substantiated the fact that I. F. STONE was among the speakers at the above dinner.

The July 18, 1947, issue of "PM," a New York newspaper, contained an article by the subject referring to the conviction for contempt and fine of the Chairman and 50 members of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee (JAFRC) who refused to turn over the records of the JAFRC to the House Un-American Activities Committee. In the article he referred to the Un-American Activities Committee as the most un-American of contemporary institutions.

In an article in the "New York Star" dated July 7, 1948, the subject in an article entitled, "What Can a Felon Teach Us?" strongly criticized the suspension of LYMAN BRADLEY from the faculty of New York University. According to the article, BRADLEY was removed from New York University faculty after he and his fellow directors of the JAFRC were convicted for contempt of congress.

Confidential Informant T-14, of known reliability, furnished information indicating that I. F. STONE was to be a speaker at a meeting of the JAFRC to be held at Manhattan Center, New York City, on April 4, 1949. According to the informant, ROBERT THOMPSON of the New York State Communist Party had urged Communist Party members to support and participate in the rally.

The March 6, 1949, issue of the "Worker," Section I, page 11, column 3, contained an advertisement announcing that I. F. STONE was to be a participant at a rally of the JAFRC at Manhattan Center on April 4, 1949.

Confidential Informant T-15, of known reliability, advised that STONE was, in fact, a speaker at the above

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April 4, 1949, meeting of the JAFRC which was called a "Caucus for Peace." The informant said that the subject in his speech stated that it was everyone's duty to "help all Leftist organizations" held subversive by the Attorney General. He stated that nothing is as subversive as the conduct of Attorney General CLARK. According to the informant, the subject condemned the Atlantic Pact and indicated that he was "pro-Socialist, pro-Communist and for democracy and peace." According to the informant, STONE further admitted that he was a Communist and profanely expressed his denouncement of government policies.

Confidential Informant T-16, of known reliability, substantiated the fact that the subject was a speaker at the above April 4, 1949, meeting of the JAFRC and substantiated the nature of the comments made by the subject at the meeting.

Confidential Informant T-17, of known reliability, advised that on April 12, 1950, the subject was a speaker at a meeting of the JAFRC held at Manhattan Center, New York City.

Confidential Informant T-1 also advised that the subject was a speaker at this meeting. The informant said that the subject appeared on the stage with a midget carrying a big red card which the subject said was one of the "card carrying Communists" that he had picked up in the State Department. The subject greeted the audience as "Fellow Communists and FBI Agents." He further stated that "Washington... needs more Reds, the city I have the misfortune to live in."

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The Kutcher Civil Rights Committee

Regarding the above committee, the August 30, 1948, issue of "The Militant," weekly publication of the Socialist Workers Party*, announced that a national campaign was being launched in defense of JAMES KUTCHER who it stated was a legless war veteran threatened with dismissal from his position with the Veterans Administration because of his membership in the Socialist Workers Party.

On December 15, 1949, SAs WILLIAM F. HARTMAN and [redacted] attended a rally sponsored by the Kutcher

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Civil Rights Committee at the Capitol Hotel, 51st Street and Eighth Avenue, New York City. The rally was called to celebrate KUTCHER'S return from a tour of the West Coast. At this time I. F. STONE, author and columnist and a member of the National Committee of the Kutcher Civil Rights Committee, was a speaker. He censured the present administration, the FBI and the loyalty program and called for an organized and united front to support KUTCHER until he was reinstated in his Veterans Administration job and until Executive Order 9835 of the Attorney General was declared unconstitutional.

National Council of American
Soviet Friendship *

The May 22, 1949, issue of the "Worker," Section I, page 13, column 1, contained an advertisement reflecting that I. F. STONE was to be a speaker at a dinner to be held on May 25, 1949, at the City Center Casino Ball Room, 135 West 55th Street, New York City, under the auspices of the National Council of American Soviet Friendship.

National Council of the Arts,
Sciences and Professions (NCASP)

The NCASP was cited as a Communist front by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities review of the Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace arranged by the NCASP and held in New York City on March 25-27, 1949, as set out in House Report No. 1954 dated April 26, 1950, page 2.

The October 19, 1948, issue of the "Daily Worker," page 7, column 4, indicated that I. F. STONE, a columnist, was among the signers of a statement issued by the NCASP backing HENRY WALLACE'S candidacy.

The October 20, 1948, issue of the "New York Times" contained an advertisement entitled, "We Are For Wallace," issued by the NCASP listing I. F. STONE as one of those pledging support to WALLACE.

Confidential Informant T-18, of unknown reliability, on March 9, 1949, furnished information indicating that I. F.

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STONE was among the guests and speakers appearing at a dinner to be held on March 25, 1949, at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York City, sponsored by the NCASP'S Cultural and Scientific Conference for World Peace.

Confidential Informant T-3 on March 28, 1949, furnished the final program of the Cultural and Scientific Conference for World Peace held under the auspices of the NCASP on March 25-27, 1949, in New York City. This program indicated that the subject spoke at the conference on "The War Crisis in the Headlines."

Confidential Informants T-19, T-20 and T-21, all of known reliability, advised that the St. Louis Chapter of the NCASP sponsored a "Voices for Peace" meeting in St. Louis, Missouri, on April 12, 1949. The informants reported that the subject was among the speakers at this meeting and discussed the topic, "The North Atlantic Treaty--Implications for War and Peace."

Confidential Informant T-22, of known reliability, on August 26, 1949, furnished a book entitled, "Speaking of Peace," published by the NCASP which set out a biographical glossary of conference participants (Cultural and Scientific Conference for World Peace) which listed I. F. STONE as one of the participants at the conference. Page 89 of the book indicated that I. F. STONE was a contributor to the panel on "Mass Communications" at the conference.

Confidential Informant T-23, of known reliability, advised that the subject was a speaker at a meeting held by the Philadelphia Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions on January 20, 1950, honoring LOUIS F. MC GABE, attorney for the Communist Party leaders in their trial in New York City. According to the informant, STONE stated that the Communist leaders in New York were guilty of nothing but thinking and that their thoughts were regarding only a different political viewpoint.

According to the subject, no evidence was presented at the trial showing that the Communist leaders or their counsel did anything which would indicate that they advocated

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the overthrow of the United States Government. He said that today in America it is a crime to even think. The subject also stated that the meeting was held to honor a man who represented men who had the courage to think, and yet this representative (MC CABE) was thrown in jail for so doing.

Confidential Informant T-1 advised on February 13, 1950, that the subject was a speaker at a "Rally Against the H Bomb" sponsored by the NCASP at Carnegie Hall, New York City. At this rally the subject stated that socialism is inescapable in the United States and that it was just a matter of time before it is established. He noted that revolutions do not come by force and cannot be stopped by force.

Confidential Informant T-1 advised on April 19, 1950, that he had learned that I. F. STONE was on the dinner committee for a dinner which was to be held in connection with the convention of the NCASP in New York City on April 28-29, 1950.

Confidential Informant T-24, of known reliability, advised that the subject was present at the National Convention of the NCASP held on April 28-30, 1950, in New York City. The informant said that the subject delivered an attack at the convention upon the administration of the United States Government both nationally and in foreign affairs. Regarding the subject, the informant said, "His total disrespect for people in the national scene is remarkable."

The August 3, 1950, issue of the "Daily Worker," page 8, column 5, set out an advertisement indicating that I. F. STONE was to participate in a meeting that evening of the NCASP at the Carnival Room, Hotel Capitol, regarding the Korean situation.

Regarding the above August 3, 1950, meeting, Confidential Informant T-12 advised that the subject did, in fact, speak at this meeting. The informant said that STONE insisted that the Korean War was started by North Korea and not by South Korea. He stated that the Soviet Union equipped North Korean Communist forces and that the Soviet Union is ~~is~~

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behind the North Koreans in this war. He attacked the Soviet Union for trying to impose its will on small countries and he attacked the United States for its stupid cold war policy against the Soviet Union. He stated that both countries were equally guilty for the present stage of affairs. He said that he did not care on which side a person was as long as he was working for the prevention of an atomic war. (X)

The substance of the subject's comments as set out above were substantiated by Confidential Informant T-1.

National Committee for Peoples Rights

This organization was cited as a Communist front organization by the California Committee on Un-American Activities 1948 Report, page 61.

Confidential Informant T-25, of known reliability, advised that I. F. STONE was a member of the Executive Committee of the National Committee for Peoples Rights elected in April, 1940.

United Office and Professional Workers of America (UOPWA)

The "CIO News" published by the CIO for February 20, 1950, page 6, column 1, reflected that the CIO Executive Board had voted to expel the UOPWA from the CIO effective March 1, 1950, for "consistent unwavering support of the policies of the Communist Party."

On March 8, 1945, Confidential Informant T-26, of known reliability, advised that the subject was a speaker at a round table discussion held at UOPWA headquarters, 30 East 29th Street, New York City, on March 8, 1945. At this meeting the subject stated that the only thing that could keep unity among the anti-fascist nations was a common enemy.

"Voice of Freedom"

The California Committee on Un-American Activities 1948 Report, page 225, characterized "Voice of Freedom" as

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among the publications which the committee found "to be Communist initiated and controlled or so strongly influenced as to be within the Stalin solar system."

Confidential Informant T-27, of known reliability, furnished the November, 1948, issue of "Voice of Freedom". In an article entitled, "Polk Murder Solved--Greek Tragedy or Farce?" it was stated that I. F. STONE writing in the "New York Star" had remarked that statements ascribing the murder of POLK in Greece to two Communists seemed miraculously suited to meet the political needs of the Greek government harassed by American criticism in the Polk affair.

Washington Cooperative Book Shop

Regarding the above organization, the report of Attorney General FRANCIS BIDDLE in the Congressional Record September 24, 1942, page 7688, stated that the Washington Cooperative Book Shop under the name the Book Shop Association was incorporated in the District of Columbia in 1938. The report stated that the book shop offered prominently for sale books and literature identified with the Communist Party and certain of its affiliates and front organizations. The report further stated that certain of the officers and employees of the book shop had been in close contact with local members of the Communist Party in the District of Columbia.

Confidential Informant T-28, of known reliability, advised that on September 19, 1941, I. F. STONE was the speaker of the evening at a meeting of the Washington Cooperative Book Shop in Washington, D. C.

Miscellaneous

Confidential Informant T-29, of unknown reliability, advised on October 23, 1940, that I. F. STONE was "on the Advisory Board of the 'Daily Worker' while writing 'Post' editorials against Russia."

Confidential Informant T-30, of known reliability, advised in 1949 that I. F. STONE, 5618 Nebraska Avenue,

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Washington, D. C., had been recently in contact with AGNES SMEDLEY, who was then residing in Palisades, New York.

Regarding AGNES SMEDLEY, Confidential Informant T-31, of known reliability, advised that from 1928 to 1933 SMEDLEY, who is the Shanghai correspondent of the "Frankfurter Zeitung," was closely associated with RICHARD SORGE, self-admitted head of a Russian espionage ring operating in China. According to the informant, some of the members of this ring were apprehended by Japanese police in October, 1941, at which time SORGE and others gave statements to the police that SMEDLEY had been an active and important figure in the espionage activities of the ring during the period 1928-1933. AGNES SMEDLEY is now deceased.

In an article in the May 22, 1949, issue of the "Daily Compass" I. F. STONE defended GERHARD EISLER and stated that the Supreme Court could yet save America's honor by reversing EISLER'S conviction.

Regarding GERHARD EISLER, Confidential Informant T-8 advised that EISLER was the number one Communist in the United States. EISLER was convicted of charges of exit permit fraud and contempt of congress in the District of Columbia in 1947 and fled the United States on May 5, 1949.

The May 26, 1949, issue of the "Daily Worker," page 3, column 5, listed I. F. STONE as among those paying tribute to the work of WILLIAM HOWARD MELISH.

It is noted that Confidential Informant T-8 has identified WILLIAM HOWARD MELISH as a concealed member of the Communist Party prior to 1945.

Confidential Informant T-32, of known reliability, advised on June 10, 1949, that the subject had been affiliated with some 20 Communist front organizations.

The November 16, 1949, issue of the "Daily Worker," page 13, columns 1 and 3, contained an article reflecting that I. F. STONE participated in a program over WOR Mutual Broadcasting System on Friday, November 10 (11) in which JOHN

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GATES, Editor-in-Chief of the "Daily Worker," was interviewed. The article stated that in contrast to the questions asked by other persons on the program, STONE gave honest factual questions to which GATES could give informative answers.

Confidential Informant T-3 on March 21 and 23, 1950, furnished information reflecting that I. F. STONE was Committee Chairman of the Committee in Defense of Carl Marzani.

It is noted that Confidential Informant T-33, of known reliability, identified MARZANI as being a member of the Communist Party in 1942. (X)

The April 18, 1950, issue of the "Daily Compass" contained an article by I. F. STONE in which he severely criticized the Mundt-Ferguson Bill designed to control subversive activities in the United States. STONE characterized this bill as "a measure to police the political thinking of America."

Confidential Informant T-8 advised on June 30, 1950, that the subject's brother, MARC STONE, formerly Business Manager of the Federated Press and then Advertising Manager of the "Compass", was a Communist Party member in the years prior to 1945 and that MARC STONE had consulted the informant as to how he could escape military service since he considered that as a Communist he could do more in the publication field.

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Division, U. S. Department of
Justice, as set out in the report
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Department of Justice, New York;
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES."

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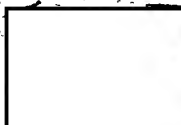
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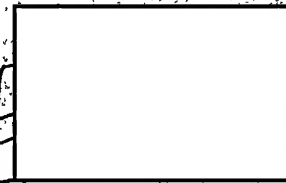
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The Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, is interested in captioned individual who is also known as I. F. STONE and ISIDOR FEINSTEIN. STONE is presently residing at Le Clos des Metz, Jouy-en-Josas, Seine et Oise, France, and is employed as the European correspondent for the New York publication "Daily Compass". For your additional information, the following descriptive data is being furnished:

Name: I. F. STONE, ISIDOR FEINSTEIN
Date of birth: December 24, 1907
Place of birth: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Height: 5'7"
Weight: 155 pounds
Eyes: Blue
Hair: Brown
Citizenship: United States
Occupation: Newspaper correspondent
U. S. Residence: 5618 Nebraska Avenue, N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

In the event this individual re-enters the United States, it will be appreciated if you will notify by telephone, collect if necessary, the nearest office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and at the same time, notify that office that the Washington Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is especially interested in STONE.

It is requested that STONE's baggage be searched, if possible, in the presence of a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. However, STONE should not be unduly detained or otherwise made aware that the Federal Bureau of Investigation is interested in him.

Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

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Very truly yours,

Approved: [Signature]
Bureau of Customs

C. W. STEIN
Special Agent in Charge

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Captioned subject, a U. S. native, has been employed as a correspondent in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, New York City, and Washington, D. C. At present he is employed as the European correspondent for the New York publication "The Daily Compass". He has previously been employed for such publications as the "Philadelphia Record", "The New York Post", "The Nation", "PM", and "The New York Star". From 1940 until 1950 he resided in Washington, D. C. During that period he was closely associated with numerous Communist front groups. He has openly admitted being a "Red" and has been identified by reliable Informants as a Communist. He has consistently followed a pro-Soviet line and his articles are frequently quoted in the Communist publication "The Daily Worker". STONE is married and has three children, one of whom is now attending Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts. His brother, MARC STONE, has also been identified as a Communist as has his sister, JUDITH STONE.

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ISIDOR FEINSTEIN STONE, was.,
I. F. STONE, ISIDOR FEINSTEIN

Birth Data - Citizenship:

STONE's passport file at the Department of State contains a certified copy of a birth certificate issued to him May 10, 1937, by the Department of Public Health, Vital Statistics Section, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This certificate reported that ISIDOR FEINSTEIN was born December 4, 1907, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the son of BARNET, a salesman, and KATIE NOVACK FEINSTEIN, a housewife. At this time STONE's parents resided 636 Wharton Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The attending physician was one H. J. NOVACK, 1017 S. 4th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This birth was reported to be the first born to this marriage.

Immigration and Naturalization Service file 976C-204656 disclosed that BARNARD FEINSTEIN, a merchant residing 1101 Sheridan Street, Richmond, Indiana, filed Petition for Naturalization No. 1183743 on May 27, 1912, in the Wayne, Indiana, Circuit Court. FEINSTEIN reported that he was born on an unknown date in November, 1876 at Grannov, Russia, and had immigrated to the United States from London, England, on April 12, 1903, arriving in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He also advised that he had previously filed a declaration to become a United States citizen in the United States District Court at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on November 13, 1905. FEINSTEIN identified his wife as KATIE FEINSTEIN, a native of Russia, who along with his son, ISIDOR, were residing with him at 1101 Sheridan Street, Richmond, Indiana.

The witnesses to this petition were SAMUEL FRED, a merchant, 17 N. 18th Street, Richmond, Indiana, and WILLIAM SCHULTZ, a boiler-maker, 38 N. 2nd Street, Richmond, Indiana; and both witnesses stated that they had known FEINSTEIN for one year and three months as of May 27, 1912.

Certificate of Naturalization No. 204656 was issued to FEINSTEIN on January 6, 1913, by the Wayne, Indiana, Circuit Court. Also included in this certificate was his wife, KATIE. This certificate identified FEINSTEIN's children as ISIDOR, age five years, and MARCUS, age four months. At this time all were residing 1101 Sheridan Street, Richmond, Indiana.

A record maintained by the Credit Bureau disclosed that ISIDOR FEINSTEIN had his name legally changed to ISIDOR FEINSTEIN STONE in New York City on February 18, 1938.

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Personal History:

Family: MARC STONE, was., MARCUS STONE, MARCUS FEINSTEIN:

~~u~~ ~~SECRET~~ The files of Confidential Informant T-2, another government agency, contained a Personal History Statement executed by MARC STONE, formerly known as MARCUS FEINSTEIN. His name was legally changed to MARC STONE in the City Court at New York City on August 2, 1942. MARC STONE was born September 6, 1912, at Richmond, Indiana. His family, according to these files, consisted of BERNARD FEINSTEIN, father, KATHERINE FEINSTEIN, mother, MARTHA SHUFORD STONE, wife, JUDITH FEINSTEIN, sister, residing 5230 N. 9th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1943; LOUIS FEINSTEIN, brother, United States Marines; and I. F. STONE, brother, residing 5618 Nebraska Avenue, Washington, D. C. and employed by "F.M.", Washington, D. C. In 1943, MARC STONE furnished a permanent address of Federated Press, 30 Irving Place, New York.

MARC STONE attended grammar and high school at Haddonfield, New Jersey, and the University of North Carolina from 1931 to 1933. From 1936-1942 he was employed by the "Federated Press" in New York City at a salary ranging from twenty five dollars to seventy dollars per week. Prior to this employment he had been employed as a reporter and business manager for the "New York American", the "Patterson Press", Patterson, New Jersey, the "Newark Ledger", Newark, New Jersey, and by the "Philadelphia Record". It was reported by T-2 that he had been fired from employment with the "Newark Ledger".

In 1943, MARC STONE was a candidate for admission to the Adjutant General Officer Candidate School while in the United States Army. In conjunction with the application, he listed as references NATHAN WITT, lawyer, 9 E. 40th Street, New York, and LEONARD BOUDIN, lawyer, Salmon Towers, New York.

Concerning the "Federated Press", it was cited as a Communist controlled organization by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities on March 29, 1944.

Concerning reference NATHAN WITT, DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, confessed Soviet agent, advised that during the early thirties WITT was employed by the National Labor Relations Board and was the head of an underground organization of the United States Communist Party which had for its purpose the Communist infiltration of the American Government.

With respect to MARC STONE's reference LEONARD BOUDIN, ~~Confidential~~ Informant T-3, who has furnished reliable information, described

LEONARD BOUDIN, in 1942, as a Communist labor lawyer and the husband of JEAN BOUDIN who was then employed as the assistant editor of "Federated Press". This informant also stated that MARC STONE's brother, I. F. STONE, married the sister of JEAN BOUDIN, ESTHER ROISMAN STONE. This informant advised that in conversations with JEAN BOUDIN she represented that she was related to the family of J. DAVID STERN, former publisher of the "Philadelphia Record".

u(x) Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability, advised in 1950 that MARC STONE was a "concealed Communist". This informant, who was formerly a member of the Communist Party, identified MARC as the former business manager of the "Federated Press" and the current advertising manager of the "New York Daily Compass".

u(x) Confidential Informant T-5, of known reliability and who was a former member of the Communist Party, advised that MARTHA STONE, the wife of MARC STONE, was a Communist during the mid 1940s while in Washington, D. C.

JUDITH STONE, wa., JUDITH FEINSTEIN:

Records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, disclosed that STONE's sister, JUDITH FEINSTEIN, was born in Philadelphia on May 1, 1924. This record indicated that her parents BARNET and KATIE FEINSTEIN were then residing in Haddonfield, New Jersey.

Investigation of JUDITH STONE by the FBI, Philadelphia, disclosed that she had been graduated from Olney High School in Philadelphia and had also attended Temple University in Philadelphia. It was further determined that she attended these schools under the name JUDITH FEINSTEIN.

It was further determined that in January, 1944, she was residing 5230 N. 9th Street, Philadelphia, and was employed as a drill press operator at the Hugh H. Eby Company and was a member of Local 155, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America, CIO. It was also determined that in January, 1944, she was the managing editor and writer for that union's publication "Square Dealer".

From September, 1945, and until June, 1946, JUDITH FEINSTEIN attended the University of Wisconsin at Madison, Wisconsin. Prior to her enrollment, she informed the university authorities that she was having her name changed from JUDITH FEINSTEIN to JUDITH STONE, and that the court order would be issued on or about September 17, 1945. She gave as her reason for this name change the fact that her brothers

(MARC and I. F.) had changed their names previously and thus it caused embarrassment and inconvenience to her to continue using the old name.

u (C) Confidential Informant T-6₂ of known reliability, advised in 1943 that JUDITH STONE, 5230 N. 9th Street, Philadelphia, applied for membership in the Communist Party there and was issued Communist Party Book No. 96858. ~~SECRET~~

u (C) Confidential Informant T-6A₁ of known reliability, advised in June, 1950, that JUDITH STONE, whose birth name was JUDITH FEINSTEIN, was then employed as assistant society editor, the San Rafael, California, "Independent-Journal", a daily newspaper. This same informant advised that in connection with this employment JUDITH STONE had listed her brother, I. F. STONE, 5618 Nebraska Avenue, N. W., as her next of kin.

As has been previously mentioned, STONE married the former ESTHER ROISMAN who has also been identified as the sister-in-law of LEONARD BOUDIN. Three children have been born to this marriage, and they are [redacted] born [redacted] born [redacted] and [redacted] born [redacted]

Residence:

From September, 1940, until October, 1950, STONE, his wife and children resided 5618 Nebraska Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C. Prior to 1940 his residence, according to Credit Bureau reports, was 6836 Kessell Street, Forest Hills, Long Island, New York.

Records of the Recorder of Deeds Office, 6th and D Streets, N.W., disclosed that the residence 5618 Nebraska Avenue, N.W., was purchased by ESTHER and ISIDOR STONE on March 7, 1946, from one HARRY A. BRIGHT. The records of this source indicated that there was presently an outstanding first trust on this property which was held by CHARLES S. MUIR and J. JOHNSTONE MUIR. These records also disclosed that STONE is still carried as the owner of this property. The local telephone directory listed the present resident of 5618 Nebraska Avenue, N.W., as SEMAH C. HYMAN. It has been determined that HYMAN is the Economic Counsellor of the Israeli Embassy in Washington, D. C.

The records of the United States Post Office, 5910 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., disclosed that on October 5, 1950, I. F. STONE, 5618 Nebraska Avenue, N. W., furnished a forwarding address of Room 225, Kellogg Building, Washington, D. C. On October 10, 1950, CELIA M. STONE, also of 5618 Nebraska Avenue, N.W., furnished a forwarding address of 24 Talbot House, Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts.

Records of Wilson High School, Nebraska Avenue and Chesapeake Streets, N. W., disclosed that both [] and [] STONE had attended this school. [] was graduated in June, 1950, at which time a transcript of her record was forwarded to Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts. These records also disclosed that [] withdrew from this school in October, 1950, after informing the authorities that he was moving to Paris, France, with his family.

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At the Kellogg Building, 1406 F Street, N.W., it was determined that Room 225 is occupied by KATHERINE GILLMAN of the "New York Daily Compass." The name I. F. STONE was also listed for this office.

By means of a pretext call to the Washington Office of the "New York Daily Compass", an individual identifying herself as Mrs. GILLMAN advised that STONE was in Paris, France, as the European correspondent for the "New York Daily Compass". Mrs. GILLMAN also furnished the present address of STONE as: Le Clos Des Metz, Jouy-En-Josas, Seine et Oise, France. She also volunteered that STONE's family was with him in France. Mrs. GILLMAN expected STONE to remain in Europe indefinitely.

Records of the Credit Bureau contained a report dated July 15, 1949, which revealed that KATHERINE D. GILLMAN nee BACKUS, also known as Mrs. ROBERT D. GILLMAN, resided 1102 Mississippi Avenue, S.E. She was described as thirty years of age, white, married, with no dependents. She was also reported to have resided at her present residence since 1947 and previously resided 9356 Earlson Drive, N.W. Originally it was mentioned that she came from Texas.

Her husband was identified as an employee of the Veterans Administration Regional Office as a psychologist, having been appointed to that position June 16, 1949.

This report also indicated that she was employed by the "New York Daily Compass".

The 1950 Washington, D. C., Telephone Directory listed ROBERT D. and KATHERINE GILLMAN as residents at 1102 Mississippi Avenue, S.E. This residence is in an apartment development known as the Trenton-Terrace Apartments and is managed by LILLIAN G. BENJAMIN, the wife of HERBERT BENJAMIN.

u (C) Confidential Informant T-7 of known reliability, has identified both LILLIAN and HERBERT BENJAMIN as long time members of the local Communist Party.

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U C Confidential Informant T-8, of known reliability, advised in October, 1943, that KATHERINE BACKUS of Austin, Texas, was keeping company with one ROBERT GILLMAN, then assigned by the United States Army to San Antonio. This informant advised that GILLMAN was active in affairs of the Young Communist League in Austin and also attended meetings of the Communist Party there.

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U SC Confidential Informant T-9, of known reliability, advised that KATHERINE GILLMAN is the daughter-in-law of Dr. JOSEPH MOSES GILLMAN, a native of Russia and naturalized United States citizen who had for many years and until 1947 been employed by various United State Government agencies in Washington, D. C., including the Railroad Retirement Board, Office of Price Administration, Foreign Economic Administration, and War Production Board. This informant advised Dr. GILLMAN was presently residing in Hartsdale, New York.

According to this informant, GILLMAN has two children, LEONARD and ROBERT, and ROBERT is the husband of KATHERINE GILLMAN whom the informant knew to be the Washington correspondent for "The Compass" and who had previously worked as an assistant to I. F. STONE.

This informant also advised that ROBERT GILLMAN was presently serving as an intern at the Gallinger Hospital, and that his brother, LEONARD, was studying at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and would eventually be employed by the Navy Department.

ELIZABETH T. BENLEY, a confessed Soviet agent, has advised that NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER was involved in a Soviet espionage conspiracy in Washington, D. C., during the early forties. Investigation of SILVERMASTER by this office disclosed that he was well known to Dr. JOSEPH M. GILLMAN, and it was further determined that GILLMAN was well known to such individuals as MIKHAIL VAVILOV, First Secretary, USSR Embassy, Washington, D. C., DAVID WAHL, and CHARLES KRAMER. (Both WAHL and KRAMER will be subsequently identified in this report.)

Employment and Financial Status:

The 1950-1951 edition of "Who's Who in America" disclosed, in addition to other information of a background nature previously set out, that STONE was graduated from the Haddonfield, New Jersey, High School in 1924 and had attended the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia in 1924 and from 1925 to 1928. This edition also disclosed that STONE had been employed as a reporter for the "Haddonfield Public Press", the "Camden Courier Post", the "Philadelphia Inquirer", 1922-1931; editorial writer, "Philadelphia Record" 1931-1933, "New York Post" 1933-1939; assistant

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editor, "The Nation" 1938-1940, Washington editor of "The Nation" 1940-1946, Washington correspondent for "P.M." October, 1941, Washington editor "P.M." 1946, columnist, "New York Star" 1948. STONE was identified as the author of "The Court Disposes" 1937; "Business As Usual", "The First Year of Defense" 1941; "Underground To Palestine" 1946; and "This Is Israel" 1948.

u *(X)* The records of Confidential Informant T-10, another government agency, disclosed that on October 16, 1940, ISIDOR F. STONE, 5618 Nebraska Avenue, N. W., registered with Local Selective Service Board No. 2, Washington, D. C. In addition to containing information which was generally consistent with that previously reported, the records of T-10 disclosed that STONE had attended the University of Pennsylvania for two and one-half years and that his major study was philosophy. STONE also advised that he had married his present wife, the former ESTHER ROISMAN, in Philadelphia on July 7, 1929. He also reported that his sister, JUDITH FEINSTEIN, was residing 5230 N. 9th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

In March, 1941, STONE reported that his salary as Washington editor for "The Nation" was seventy-five dollars per week. He also reported that he was a special writer for "P.M.", a New York daily newspaper. He did not, however, report the amount of salary derived from this work.

On September 11, 1942, he reported his monthly salary was \$337.50. At this time he advised that he had no investments and that his income from other sources, such as books he had authored, was uncertain. In June, 1942, he identified himself as both the Washington editor for "The Nation" and correspondent for "P.M.". He stated that he specialized in covering the War Production Board for "P.M.". In July, 1943, STONE reported that his weekly salary was \$125.00. In November, 1944, he reported no change in his income, and in June, 1945, he advised that his weekly salary received from "P.M." was \$143.75.

Concerning his residence at 5618 Nebraska Avenue, N. W., STONE advised that he rented this house from CHARLES S. MUIR, Southern Building, for a sum of \$85.00 per month.

On January 7, 1944, STONE was examined for service in the United States Armed Forces and was rejected as physically unfit by the Armed Forces for defective vision and probable bronchial asthma.

The February 15, 1941, issue of the "Saturday Evening Post" contained an article entitled "Muddled Millions" by BENJAMIN STOLBERG.

According to this article, one MORRIS WERTHEIM purchased "The Nation" magazine in 1935 from one O. G. VILLARD but in 1937 objected to the magazine's defense of the court packing scheme and sold it to FREDA KIRCHWEY. KIRCHWEY, according to this article, was associated with "The Nation" as an editor since 1918. When KIRCHWEY bought "The Nation" STOLBERG related that she brought into the organization as managing editor ROBERT BENDINER, a former editor of the "New Masses" (described by Attorney General FRANCIS BIDDLE in the Congressional Record, September, 24, 1942, as a "Communist periodical"); I. F. STONE, editorial writer on the New York "Evening Post"; and JAMES A. WECHSLER, who was, according to STOLBERG, active in the American Student Union.

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A Special Committee on Un-American Activities report of January 3, 1939, cited the American Student Union as a Communist front.

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In January 1942, [redacted] "New York Evening Post", advised that STONE had been employed by the "Post" from 1933 to May 1939 when he resigned. According to [redacted] STONE had previously been employed by the "Philadelphia Record", a newspaper owned by J. DAVID STERN, from October 1931 until December 1933. [redacted] b6 b7C advised that STERN also owned the "New York Post" from 1933 until May of 1939 at which time he sold it. [redacted] stated that while with the "Post" STONE had been employed under the supervision of HARRY SAYLOR and WALTER LISTER. He explained that the latter individuals had returned to the "Philadelphia Record" in May 1939 when Mr. STERN sold the "Evening Post." [redacted] stated that to the best of his knowledge, STONE had been personally acquainted with J. DAVID STERN, the owner of the "Post" and that STERN had also tried to help STONE out.

This information pertaining to STONE's employment at the "New York Post" was acquired during the investigation of MAX DAVID NOVACK, a cousin of STONE's, who, in January of 1942, was investigated by the FBI in New York City when he was under consideration for a position as Assistant United States Attorney, Southern District of New York, Department of Justice. NOVACK was subsequently appointed to this position.

This investigation also determined that NOVACK had been employed by the "New York Evening Post" during the same period as was his cousin, STONE.

During the investigation of NOVACK, it was learned from SAMUEL GRAFTON, Associate Editor of the "New York Post", that NOVACK and STONE were not on the best of terms in January of 1942. GRAFTON stated that STONE was a "Liberal" and at times seemed to support the doctrines of the Communist Party, but GRAFTON was certain that STONE had no organizational connection with the Communist Party.

GARRY FINLEY, City Editor, "New York Evening Post", when contacted for information concerning NOVACK, advised that he had heard rumors that STONE was a Communist, but he doubted if these rumors were true.

Concerning STONE's employment with the "New York Daily Compass", the files of Confidential Informant T-11, a Government Investigative Agency, identified the "Compass" as a ten-cent tabloid which made its first appearance on May 16, 1949. ANITA McCORMICK BLAINE was identified by T-11 as the Financial Backer of the paper. u She was further described as an 83 year old Chicago philanthropist. u (c) T-11 identified TED O. THACKREY as the Editor and Publisher of the "Compass" and was reported to have been previously employed by the "New York Post."

In referring to the Editorial Policies of this paper, the files of [T-11] described the "Compass" as a "white collar" edition of the "Daily Worker." u

u (C) [Confidential Informant T-12] of known reliability, advised on December 1, 1949, that the "Daily Compass" had succeeded the defunct publications "PM" and "New York Star." This Informant stated in part that the Editorial and Reportorial Staff of the daily papers totalled approximately 30 persons and were composed in the majority of Communist sympathizers. This Informant alleged that the "Daily Compass" was closely associated with the "Daily Worker" and the "National Guardian" and that there was a constant trading of news stories and material between these papers. (The "Daily Worker" is the official East Coast organ of the Communist Party). Among the Communists or Communist sympathizers on the staff of the "Daily Compass", this Informant named I. F. STONE, then serving as the Washington correspondent. This Informant believed STONE to be a pro-Soviet and also to be a Communist. ~~Secret~~

FINANCIAL STATUS

It will be recalled that [Confidential Informant T-10] made available information which disclosed that during the early 1940's, STONE appeared to be dependent on the income he received as the Washington correspondent for "PM" and "The Nation." It will also be recalled that STONE's highest salary during this period was approximately \$150 a week. (C) u

The records of the Credit Bureau contained a report dated May 19, 1947 which reveals that STONE's home at 5618 Nebraska Ave., and which was owned by himself and his wife, was valued at \$8370. In 1947, STONE's income was estimated by the Credit Bureau at \$5000. In 1940, the Credit Bureau estimated his salary to be \$3000 per annum. The Credit report contained no basis or furnished any source for these estimates and it is not known whether or not they are accurate.

FOREIGN TRAVEL, I. F. STONE and ESTHER ROISMAN STONE

Passport files, Department of State, disclosed that Passport No. 16085 was issued STONE on October 8, 1945 for travel to Egypt, Palestine, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Turkey, and England, in conjunction with his work as a newspaperman. STONE intended to depart from New York City for Washington, D. C. via ship or plane and to return to the United States within three months. In his application, STONE listed his permanent residence as 5618 Nebraska Ave., N.W., and also advised that he had not resided outside the United States prior to October 1945.

STONE identified his father as BERNARD FEINSTEIN, who was born November 17, 1876 at Gromnov, Russia, and who was, in 1945, residing 5230 North 9th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. STONE also mentioned that his father has resided in the United States continuously since 1903.

One ALEXANDER H. UHL, 1301 Fairmont Street, Washington, D. C., served as the identifying witness to STONE's passport application. UHL represented that he had been acquainted with STONE since 1942. ~~Secret~~

Concerning UHL, [Confidential Informant T-13] ^u of known reliability, advised in November of 1950, that UHL was a newspaper man employed by the "New Republic" and that his office was located at 912 19th Street, Northwest. This Informant advised that UHL had previously been employed by the New York publication "PM".

Confidential Informant T-14, of known reliability, advised early in 1949 that UHL was well known to ROB HALL, the Washington representative of the "Daily Worker" ^u

STONE's passport file also contained a notarized affidavit dated May 10, 1937 from the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Department of Public Health, which contains information relating to STONE's birth status and which has previously been set out.

In conjunction with this particular travel, STONE's passport file contained a letter from J. KING GORDON, Managing Editor of the magazine "The Nation", which was dated October 3, 1945, and which reported that STONE was being sent to the Middle East to do a survey for the magazine.

JOHN P. LEWIS, Managing Editor for the Newspaper "PM", 164 Duane Street, New York City, also directed a letter to the Passport Division advising that STONE was making a survey of the Middle East for that paper.

STONE's file contained a penciled notation under date of October 8, 1945 which reflected that "Miss FREDERICKS of Mr. NILES' office (DAVID K. NILES), White House, 115, asked that STONE's case be expedited". It has been determined that MISS FREDERICKS is employed as a Secretary in the office of DAVID K. NILES, Administrative Assistant to the President.

On October 20, 1945, STONE, then residing Durnam Court, Bayswater, London, in care of Lady BANKS, had his passport amended by the United States Vice Consul at London, England to include travel through France in transit to the Middle East.

On November 26, 1945, STONE furnished the same address as previously reported in Bayswater, London, and at that time had his passport validated by the American Consular Service in London for return to the United States either directly or by way of Eire, Newfoundland and Canada.

On April 19, 1946, JOHN P. LEWIS of "PM" again requested a passport for STONE in order that he could visit England, France, Switzerland, Germany, Italy, Greece, Palestine, and Egypt on an assignment for that paper.

On May 1, 1946, passport No. 16085 was reissued STONE care of "PM", New York City, for this travel in conjunction with his "journalistic work." This passport was also extended to May 1, 1947, but was not valid for travel to or through Germany or Austria.

On May 20, 1946, while residing at the Hotel California, Paris, France, STONE's passport was amended by the United States Consular Service there to include travel to Czechoslovakia, Belgium, and Poland.

On May 24, 1946, while at the same address in Paris, STONE's passport was amended to include travel through Germany or Austria en route to Czechoslovakia.

This particular application also contained a notation that "Miss JEANNETTE GUTCHES, White House", was notified on May 22, 1946 that STONE was in Paris and wanted to go to Germany. It has been determined that Miss GUTCHES is employed in the office of DAVID K. NILES, previously identified.

On May 6, 1948, STONE's passport No. 16085 was renewed and made valid to October 7, 1949 and permitted him to travel in any country except Germany, Austria, and Japan. In conjunction with this renewal, JOSEPH BARNES, Editor of "PM", requested the passport division in a telegram dated May 4, 1948 to expedite the renewal of STONE's passport.

On September 6, 1949, while residing at the Armon Hotel, Tel-Aviv, Israel, Passport No. 281450 was issued STONE and was made valid through September 5, 1951. In his application for this passport, STONE reported that his father was deceased. He listed his wife as the person to be notified in case of emergency and listed her residence as 5618 Nebraska Ave., N.W. He listed the following as references: Mr. JAMES G. McDONALD, Tel-Benjamin, Israel, and GERSHON AGRON, Hakirya, Tel-Aviv, Israel. AGRON is known to be a journalist in Israel.

In a supplemental statement dated September 6, 1949, STONE reported that he had made five trips abroad since 1945 on assignments for his newspapers. He reported that his third trip was made in May 1947 and at that time he visited Palestine, Cyprus, Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, Greece, Turkey, and France. He advised that he left Paris at the end of April 1948 for Palestine arriving there May 7 and remaining there until June 1948 when he returned to the United States. In his last trip, he advised that he left New York City in late August 1949 for Israel via Brussels and Athens. STONE intended to return to the United States within six months after completing some assignments on the Continent.

u (X) Confidential Informant T-15, whose reliability is not known to this office, but who occupies a position of trust in the United States Government, advised that STONE had submitted two articles to the Jerusalem Post and that these articles appeared in that paper on February 2, 1951. This Informant related that one article was entitled "Air Force Pulverizes Korean Villages, United States Tactics Shock Observers." This article, according to T-15, criticized the destructive use of air power in Korea and quoted an unnamed French observer as saying, that while the French might be willing to fight the Russians they would prefer the Russians to the total destruction practiced by the Air Force in wiping out a whole village to kill a few enemy troops. The article concluded that if such a fear were to become widely prevalent in Europe, it would be disastrous considering the partisan strength the Russians could probably muster.

The second article was reported to have been submitted by STONE and was described as a "sarcastic comment" on what he termed the present "white washing" of Germany and Japan and in particular, the statement attributed to General MacARTHUR that the Chinese attack on American troops approaching the Yalu was worse than what the Japs did at Pearl Harbor.

This same Informant reported that on January 28, 1951 the "Post" published an article by STONE in which he took exception to the tone of remarks made by General EISENHOWER in Germany and which STONE claimed were "apologetic." [T-15] mentioned that STONE u was reported to send copies of some of his articles directly to the Jerusalem Post.

This Informant observed that the "Post" has little, if any, hesitation in printing stories or comments unfavorable to the United States. It was mentioned by the Informant that the "Post" frequently deliberately misrepresents certain facts in order to give a more favorable impression of the Israeli side of any question.

Passport files disclose that on July 12, 1950, ESTHER MARY STONE filed an application for passport. This application

represented that she was born December 17, 1908 at Philadelphia, Pa., and was the daughter of MORRIS and CELIA ROISMAN. Her father was born July 15, 1880 in Russia and in 1950 he was residing 5854 Pine Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Her mother was also born in Russia and in 1950 was reported by Mrs. STONE to be deceased. According to this application, MORRIS ROISMAN immigrated to the United States in 1903 and had resided in the United States continuously since then. He was also reported to have acquired United States citizenship in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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In July 1950, Mrs. STONE listed her residence as 5618 Nebraska Ave., N.W., however, she requested that her passport be mailed to Box 327, Ocean Beach, Fire Island, New York, which she described as her summer residence. On July 14, 1950, she was issued passport 326201.

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Her file at this source contained a certified copy of her birth certificate. This certificate represented that ESTHER MIRIAM ROISMAN was born December 17, 1908 to MORRIS and CELIA SAMOCHOFSKY ROISMAN, who were then residents of 1518 South 5th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Her father was described as a Fish Dealer and ESTHER was reported to be the second child born to this marriage.

Her file also contained a statement which purported to be a certified copy of a Court Order granted by the Supreme Court of New York at New York City on February 15, 1938 changing the names ISIDOR FEINSTEIN, ESTHER M. FEINSTEIN, [redacted] to ISIDOR F. STONE, ESTHER MARY STONE, [redacted]. This statement was dated July 12, 1950 and was executed by an agent, Department of State, New York City.

ESTHER STONE's passport application also included her son, [redacted] who was born [redacted]. This file indicated that Mrs. STONE and [redacted] intended to depart from New York City on August 2, 1950 via plane for a pleasure trip of five weeks duration to Israel and other countries en route. Her husband, ISIDOR, served as the identifying witness to this application which also represented that she had not been issued a passport in the past. This file contained no information concerning the whereabouts of her other children. ESTHER STONE described herself as follows in this passport application:

Date of birth.....December 17, 1908
Place of Birth.....Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Occupation.....Housewife
Height.....5'2"
Hair.....Dark Brown
Eyes.....Blue
U. S. Residence.....5618 Nebraska Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C.
Husband.....ISIDOR F. STONE

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COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERSHIP

u (C) [Confidential Informant T-4] previously identified, recently advised that he has been acquainted with STONE for the past 15 or 20 years. When the Informant first met STONE, STONE was employed as an Editorial Writer by the "Philadelphia Record." The Informant advised that subsequently STONE was successively employed by the "New York Post", "The Nation", "PM", and "The Compass." The Informant advised that STONE was not a member of the Communist Party when he first met him, but during the mid 30's became very much a member of the Communist Party. This Informant advised that he received information substantiating STONE's membership in the Communist Party not only from Communist Party functionaries such as ISRAEL AMTER and JACK STACHEL, but from STONE's brother, MARCUS, as well. This Informant was able to advise that STONE assisted the Party by aiding in the preparation of attacks on enemies of the Communist Party.

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u (C) [Confidential Informant T-5] previously identified, advised that while an active member of the Communist Party, he had been associated with numerous Communist front organizations. This Informant recalled that while in the Party and attending many of the functions of the Communist front groups, he had met STONE and had observed STONE in attendance at some of these meetings. This Informant considered STONE to be a Communist because only members of the Communist Party are permitted to attend meetings of these Front Groups.

u (C) Although [T-5] considered STONE to be a Communist, this Informant observed that on occasions STONE has deviated from the Communist Party line and as a result had been criticized in the "Daily Worker" by Foreign Editor JOSEPH STAROBIN. This indicated to the Informant that although STONE was a Communist, he was not under the complete control and domination of the Communist Party but because of his established eminence as a writer, the Communist Party tolerated these infrequent deviations. [T-5] had no knowledge of any espionage activities on the part of STONE, but offered the opinion that STONE was capable of such activity because he impressed the Informant as being completely pro-Soviet and a staunch supporter of Russia. This Informant had no information relative to STONE's financial status.

u (C) [Confidential Informant T-16] of known reliability, and a former member of the Communist Party, advised that during the mid 1930's while active in a Communist Front Group, he associated with and solicited STONE for favorable editorial comment. This Informant pointed out that

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at that time STONE was employed as an editorial writer for the "New York Evening Post" and was able to assist Communist Front Groups by reporting on their activities in a favorable light. This Informant advised in April 1951 that during the 1930's he had observed STONE confer frequently with LOUIS GIBARTI whom the Informant identified as a known Soviet agent. This Informant had no knowledge of any espionage activities on the part of STONE, and with respect to STONE's financial status, advised that in approximately 1938, STONE was "broke."

This Informant also advised that STONE had been sponsored in the newspaper business by J. DAVID STERN, former Publisher of the "New York Daily Record." This Informant was not aware of any blood relationship between STERN and STONE, but offered the opinion that STERN had been impressed by STONE when STONE was a young reporter and subsequently assisted STONE whenever he could in furthering his career as a newspaper man.

ACTIVITY ON BEHALF OF COMMUNIST PARTY FRONT GROUPS

In May of 1938, the League of American Writers, 381 4th Street, New York City, published a pamphlet entitled "Writers Take Sides" which contained letters from 418 American authors on the questions, "Are You For Or Are You Against Franco and Fascism?" STONE in an answer to this question replied in part as follows.

"Should the Loyalists lose, we may expect a tidal wave of reaction, obscurantism, race hatred, and thuggery, menancing our own lives and our own homes. We must never forget that the barricades in Madrid are barricades everywhere in defense of freedom of culture and of humanity."

The League of American Writers was cited as subversive and Communist by former Attorney General TOM CLARK on June 1, 1948 and September 21, 1948.

In March 1939, the "Daily Worker" listed I. F. STONE among the sponsors of a campaign to raise \$160,000 for the Disabled Veterans Fund of the friends of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

On February 27, 1945, an advertisement appeared in the "Washington Post" entitled "For America's Sake; Break With Franco

Spain." The text of the ad was a statement which had been issued by the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, New York City. Included among the list of sponsors and supporters of the ad was I. F. STONE.

The Abraham Lincoln Brigade has been designated by the Attorney General to be within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

The first issue of "Your Investments" (a publication of the American Investors Union, Inc.), dated January 1940, listed I. F. STONE as a sponsor of this Union.

The American Investors Union, Inc., was cited as a Communist Front by the California Committee on Un-American Activities, report of 1948.

A section of a 1944 report of the House Committee on Un-American Activities was devoted to the League of Women Shoppers. One of the exhibits reproduced in the Committee's report was an annual report of the Education Committee of the Washington League of Women Shoppers for the year 1940-41. This report reflected that study groups on labor and defense had been held and one of the features of this series of study sessions was a critical analysis of the problem in the United States today by I. F. STONE, who discussed "Labor and Administration: Promises and Performance." As a result of this and other highly informative and analytical discussions, this group received a comprehensive picture of labor in a defense emergency.

The League of Women Shoppers was "found to be a Communist controlled front by indisputable documentary evidence obtained from the files of the Communist Party in Philadelphia," according to a report dated March 29, 1944 by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities.

A section of the 1944 House Committee on Un-American Activities report contained a program of the "Artists Front To Win the War." This program appeared in the exhibit in a section of the House Committee report which was devoted to this organization. The name I. F. STONE appeared in the program as a representative of literature, who was sponsoring this function.

The "Artists Front To Win the War" was cited as a Communist Front in the report dated March 29, 1944 of the Special Committee on Un-American Activities.

A letterhead of the Citizens Committee for HARRY BRIDGES, published shortly after the Committee was organized in March 1941 in New York City, listed the name I. F. STONE as one of the sponsors of

the Committee. This Committee was cooperating with the HARRY BRIDGES Defense Committee in San Francisco, California.

The Special Committee on Un-American Activities in a report dated March 29, 1944, cited it as "one of the Communist Fronts to oppose deportation of HARRY BRIDGES, Communist Party member and leader of the disastrous San Francisco general strike of 1934 which was planned by the Communist Party."

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~~uex~~ Reliable Confidential Informant T-17 advised in 1945 that ELEANOR DRIESEN furnished I. F. STONE, the newspaper correspondent, with much of his material for the articles he authored concerning the HARRY BRIDGES case. This Informant identified DRIESEN as the Washington representative of the HARRY BRIDGES Victory Committee prior to April 15, 1945 when she became Secretary to ARTHUR E. PHILLIPS, Secretary of the CIO Maritime Committee, Washington, D. C.

The HARRY BRIDGES Victory Committee was cited as a Communist Front Organization by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities in its report dated March 29, 1944.

The 1944 House Committee on Un-American Activities report contained a section relating to the conference on Constitutional Liberties in America which was held in Washington, D. C. from June 7, to 9, 1940 and which, according to the report, launched the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties. I. F. STONE was listed as a sponsor of this conference.

This conference was described by Attorney General FRANCIS BIDDLE in the Congressional Record of September 4, 1942 as the founder of the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties "part of what LENIN called the Solar System of organizations, ostensibly having no connection with the Communist Party by which Communists attempt to create sympathizers and supporters of their program."

The 1944 report of the Special Committee on Un-American Activities contained a reprint of an article which had appeared in the "New Masses" on April 2, 1940 during the period of the Stalin-Hitler Pact. This article was in the form of a petition to the President warning against the tendency in the United States to destroy Civil Rights. The petition cited the raid without a warrant on the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade; indictments in Detroit for recruiting for Loyalist Spain; the "badgering" of Communist leaders; the attacks by the Dies Committee on Consumer and Labor Groups, as a tendency toward the destruction of Civil Rights. Among the signers of this petition was I. F. STONE.

"New Masses" was cited as a "Communist periodical" by former Attorney General FRANCIS BIDDLE on September 24, 1942.

The 1944 House Committee on Un-American Activities report mentioned that the American Civil Liberties Union had taken the position that persons who supported "totalitarian dictatorship" in any country could give nothing more than tongue and cheek alliance to Civil Liberties in the United States. The report states that 17 persons directed an open letter to the American Civil Liberties Union protesting the action of that organization in banning Communists from office and membership on the American Civil Liberties Union National Convention. The report mentioned that two of the seventeen signers of this open letter were I. F. STONE and JAMES WECHSEER of the Washington Bureau of "PM".

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The "Daily Worker" of March 5, 1945 announced that the CIO white-collar workers would sponsor a round-table discussion of the Crimea Conference on the following Thursday night at the White-Collar Center, 30 East 29th Street, New York City. Listed as a speaker for this program was I. F. STONE.

The "Daily Worker" is the East Coast publication of the Communist Party. The "Daily Worker" of December 12, 1947 reported that Hunter College had voted to suspend student members in reprisal for a student council resolution which condemned a proposed witch hunt against the American Youth For Democracy. The article reported that City College students had struck back against this "assault on campus freedom" by holding a campus rally assailing an administration order barring Novelist HOWARD FAST and Communist Party Legislative Director ARNOLD JOHNSON from speaking before student groups. This same article mentioned that Brooklyn College students had called a rally for December 18, 1947 to be held in a nearby high school and which would be addressed by I. F. STONE.

The October 30, 1949 issue of the "Daily Worker" listed I. F. STONE as one of those who protested the "guilty" verdict which was handed down against the eleven Communist leaders for violation of the Smith Act.

The May 19, 1942 issue of the "New Masses" announced the formation in Washington, D. C. of a "citizens committee to free EARL BROWDER", United States leader of the Communist Party. This article indicated that I. F. STONE would be among those who would sign a call and an advertisement for a public meeting of this group on May 22, 1942.

This Committee has been designated by the Attorney General to be within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

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Reliable Confidential Informant T-18 advised that the Jefferson School of Social Science, New York City, sponsored a series of panel discussions during the weekend of December 6 through 8, 1946 in connection with the Second Annual Jefferson Book Fair. I. F. STONE was named as one of the speakers. A program of the Book Fair indicated that STONE was to participate in a panel on the evening of Sunday, December 8, 1946 on the subject "Palestine and World Jewry". The Jefferson School of Social Science, New York, was cited as an "adjunct" of the Communist Party by former Attorney General TOM CLARK on December 4, 1947. (S) u

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Confidential Informant T-19, of known reliability, advised that the American-Russian Institute in San Francisco scheduled a reception for Russian Press representatives at its offices, 101 Post Street, San Francisco, on May 5, 1945. LOUISE BRANSTON, a well-known Communist in the San Francisco area, was among those planning this reception. Among the persons invited and who indicated their intention of attending this reception was I. F. STONE, of "PM", who was then in San Francisco covering the conference of the United Nations. (S) u

The American-Russian Institute of San Francisco has been designated by the Attorney General to be within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

On May 18, 1945, the California Labor School, San Francisco, publicized the appearance in a forum of MAX WERNER, Military Analyst and Newspaper Columnist, who was scheduled to speak on the subject, "The Future of Germany". The "Peoples World", West Coast Communist newspaper, in its edition of May 16, 1945, publicized this meeting and announced that STONE would speak on the "achievements of the San Francisco Conference" at this same forum.

The California Labor School has been designated by the Attorney General to be within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

Confidential Informant T-20, of known reliability, advised that STONE spoke at a dinner sponsored by the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee held on September 25, 1946 at the Hotel Biltmore. This Informant advised that STONE had recently returned from a trip to the Near East. (S) u

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[Confidential Informant T-21] of known reliability, advised that in his talk before this committee, STONE plunged immediately into the subject which had almost become an obsession with him - namely; the plight of the European Jews. This Informant reported that most of STONE's speech was a repetition of the articles which had appeared in his paper, the "PM", and which described his trek with displaced Jews to Palestine. This Informant stated that although STONE was not

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Stalinized, compassion for his co-religionists impelled him to praise the Governments of Yugoslavia and Bulgaria for granting the Jews and other minorities complete equality. According to the Informant, Moscow's decimation of Ukrainian leaders, then being carried out, was interpreted by STONE in this speech as a helpful purge. STONE, in his address, explained that many Soviet citizens in that area had developed fears and anti-Semitic feelings implanted by the invading Nazi horde. ~~Secret~~

The Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee has been designated by the Attorney General to be within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

Confidential Informant T-22, of known reliability, furnished to the New York office of the FBI a leaflet distributed by the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee. This leaflet announced the "Caucus For Peace" meeting to be held under the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee auspices on April 4, 1949 at Manhattan Center, New York City, at 8 p.m. Among those scheduled to speak at this Caucus was I. F. STONE, whose subject was to be "The State Department and Spain" (S) u

T-22 advised that the "Caucus For Peace" was held as scheduled and was attended by approximately 25 individuals. The Informant stated that I. F. STONE in his speech, stated "I told a friend in Washington I am not a Liberal, I am a Red. I think it is a duty to help all Leftist organizations held subversive by Attorney General TOM CLARK. Nothing is as subversive as the conduct of Attorney General CLARK. If we don't help Leftist organizations, all of us are headed for a great deal of trouble. We are not afraid to thumb our noses--the Atlantic Pact means that Franco can get arms in a year or so if there is internal revolt in Spain. Franco may need arms one of these days. If they arm Franco, they are also arming the forces that are the enemies of Democracy and freedom right here in the United States. There is a tough time coming, a test for all of us. You got to be ready to stand up to this kind of test--in my opinion it is as central a fight as it was back in 1936." STONE also stated in his address that he was glad to see everyone in the hall in spite of "press terror". He further stated that persons should "thumb your noses--everytime you come to this type of meeting". STONE stated in his address that he was "pro-Socialist, pro-Communist, for Democracy and for peace" (S) u

The April 1948 issue of "The Lamp", monthly publication of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, 23 West 26th Street, New York City, reported that a testimonial dinner to honor CAROL KING had been held at the Astor Hotel in New York City on March 5, 1948. This dinner was sponsored by the Committee as a tribute to KING's 25 years of service as an attorney in defense of democratic rights. I. F. STONE was among those who had sent messages to this testimonial affair.

The American Committee for Protection of the Foreign Born has been designated by the Attorney General to be within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

Confidential Informant T-22 furnished the New York office of the FBI with a leaflet on August 11, 1948 which had been issued by the Brooklyn Communist Election Campaign Committee, 363 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, New York. This leaflet was entitled "Seventy-five Thousand Voters Robbed of Their Representation Because this Man is Denied His Seat in the City Council." This leaflet listed the name of I. F. STONE as one who was supporting this campaign to seat SIMON GERSON, a Communist, as a member of the New York City Council. (S) u

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Reliable Informant T-23 advised on November 16, 1948 that a banquet had been held by the American Committee of Jewish Writers, Artists, and Scientists, on November 9, 1948 at the Hotel Biltmore in New York City. According to this source, the banquet was given in honor of the Czechoslovakian and Polish Ambassadors to the United States. Among the speakers was I. F. STONE. According to the Informant, STONE and all the other speakers put the blame for the war in Israel on England and the United States, and praised the Soviet Union for its fight in behalf of Israel in the United Nations. (S) u

Reliable Informant T-24 made available to the Washington office of the FBI on November 19, 1948 a printed announcement of a reception for I. F. STONE held at the home of MARK HYDE, 3736 Kanawha Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C., on November 9, 1948 under the sponsorship of the Washington Cooperative Book Shop. This Informant later advised that approximately 100 people attended this reception. (S) u

The Informant advised that STONE spoke at this reception and praised the Book Shop, stating that he was glad to speak for the Book Shop as it was on the Attorney General's list. STONE said "There will always be a Book Shop." He stated that he had been to Palestine that year working with the "underground". He added that "If it hadn't been for our sneaky, lousy State Department, the serious situation would not have developed in Palestine." (S) u

The Washington Book Shop Association has been designated by the Attorney General to be within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

T-24 also advised that STONE addressed a group at the Inspiration House at 186 Kalorama Road, Northwest, Washington, D. C., under the auspices of the Washington Book Shop on November 8, 1949. STONE's (S) u

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topic at this meeting was "The Meaning of the Communist Trial". (X) u

STONE began his talk by contrasting the Roosevelt and Truman Administrations. He stated that he could see what happened to the Civil Rights of the people since the death of Roosevelt and the taking over of that _____ in the White House. STONE stated that the Civil Rights of the persons present were being taken away and that the trial of the 11 top Communists in New York was all proof of that fact. STONE praised such groups as the Washington Book Shop saying that they could spread the real truth. He added "I joined the Washington Book Shop tonight and have my card here to show for it" (X) u

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The November 19, 1948 edition of "Prosveta" contained an article captioned "The Grand Inquisition, By I. F. STONE." Two full columns were devoted to condemnation of the House Committee on Un-American Activities in connection with its hearings pertaining to the movie industry. The article urged that inquiries of this type be fought by all men of good will.

"Prosveta" is the official organ of the Slovene National Benefit Society.

This society was cited as a Communist dominated fraternal organization which has constituted a bulwark of financial support for the American-Slav Congress by the House Committee on Un-American Activities in its report April 26, 1950.

The National Council of Arts, Sciences, and Professions, sponsored a cultural and scientific conference for World Press from March 25 to 27, 1949 at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York City. The "New York Times" reported that I. F. STONE, newspaper columnist spoke at a panel at the conference on the subject of "Mass Communications". During his talks, STONE was reported by the "Times" to have stated that he believed the "machinery of American Government is set for war".

The National Council of Arts, Sciences, and Professions, was cited as a Communist Front by the House Committee on Un-American Activities in its report dated April 26, 1950.

On May 25, 1949 the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship sponsored a testimonial dinner in honor of Rev. WILLIAM HOWARD MELISH at the City Center Casino, New York City, for his work

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in the Council. Among those persons who paid tribute to MELISH's work at this dinner was I. F. STONE. Information relating to this dinner was contained in the "Daily Worker" issue of May 26, 1949.

The National Council of American-Soviet Friendship has been designated by the Attorney General to be within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

u ~~(S)~~ Confidential Informant T-25¹ of known reliability, made available to the New York office a pamphlet entitled "Hey, Brother, There's A Law Against You" which contained an analysis of the Mundt-Nixon Bill. This pamphlet was published by the National Committee to Defeat the Mundt-Nixon Bill, 930 K Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C. Among the sponsors of this organization as set forth in this pamphlet was I. F. STONE.

The National Committee to Defeat the Mundt-Nixon Bill was cited as a "registered lobbying organization which has carried out the objectives of the Communist Party in its fight against anti-subversive legislation" by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities in its report dated January 2, 1951.

The "Daily Worker" on January 25, 1950 contained an article entitled "Philadelphia Rally Hails McCABE, Attorney for Eleven." This article reported that an audience of 500 had attended a rally at the New Century Club in Philadelphia the previous Friday night to pay tribute to LOUIS McCABE, one of the five attorneys who was then appealing a jail sentence for contempt of court, resulting from his actions as attorney for the 11 Communist leaders, then being tried in New York City on charges of violation of the Smith Act. According to this article, STONE, originally a Philadelphian, who was then writing for the "New York Compass", told the crowd that the persecution of the Communists for their thoughts endangered everyone and broke the whole tradition of law and justice leading back to the time of Rome. According to this article, this meeting was sponsored by the Philadelphia Council of Arts, Sciences, and Professions, which has been previously identified.

Confidential Informant T-24 advised that he had attended a meeting of the Progressive Party which was held at 525 New Jersey Ave., N.W., on May 25, 1950 and which was addressed by I. F. STONE. STONE's talk, according to this Informant, was the "Wave of Scares". STONE made the statement that in this cold war "we're running out of Reds". He stated in a sarcastic tone that they would have to "import some more Reds as Republicans as we are running out of them and will have nothing to attack". STONE asked his audience, "What's the matter with the Russians? They are not Christians, they got rid of the rottenest religion in the ~~(S)~~

world." He said that in England they say they have God on their side. STONE also was reported by this Informant to have stated, "Well, we have Tibet". STONE told his audience that he is not a Christian but is a Jew. He said that Russia has been trying since 1917 to be friendly with this country. He added that "like people you treat them mean and you get back what you give. If the Russians are mean they have a right to be mean the way we treat them. We had better keep our own doorstep clean. When I hear the Star Spangled Banner I think, 'Hell, its's the land of the scared, not the free.'" ~~SECRET~~

Examination of the various editions of the "Daily Worker" indicates that that publication frequently refers to arguments and articles advanced by STONE. It was noted that as late as May 2, 1951 that editions of the "Daily Worker" quoted an article wherein STONE was reported to have asked of the Pentagon, "How many Chinese prisoners does the Army have now?" STONE was also reported to have stated that "if the Chinese have been attacking in hordes, there should be lots of Chinese prisoners--why are the figures held back? Is it because the number of Chinese prisoners is ludicrously small when compared with the hordes in the headlines?" The "Daily Worker" on May 10, 1951 quoted STONE as stating that MacARTHUR's plan to bomb a way to peace is dead. He was quoted as stating "there is no recipe for getting the boys home quickly, on the contrary, a lot more boys than we have now in Korea will never come home again if America lets the MacARTHUR maniacs talk it into war with China."

The files of [T-26] ~~SECRET~~ a Government investigative agency, contained an article which appeared in the June 12, 1949 issue of the "Washington Post". This article reported that author HOWARD FAST, in a speech delivered to 450 people in the National Press Auditorium, told his audience that the New York trial of 11 Communist leaders was an "abomination of justice". This article reported that TOM BUCHANAN, Legislative Representative and Executive Secretary of the Civil Rights Congress, read a letter directed to the meeting by STONE. In this letter, STONE hailed the courage of those present to attend such a meeting when the atmosphere of the Capitol "stinks with Czarist style informers and police agents". This article also mentioned that a "spokesman stated that the Communist Party of Washington cooperated with the Washington Book Shop, Civil Rights Congress, and other groups in sponsoring this meeting.

The Civil Rights Congress has been designated by the Attorney General to be within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

~~SECRET~~ Confidential Informant T-7 has identified TOM BUCHANAN as a member of the Washington Communist Party.

ASSOCIATION WITH COMMUNISTS AND USSR AGENTS

u (K) In May 1945 Confidential Informant T-27, of known reliability, advised that United States Naval Reserve Lieutenant [redacted] was acquainted with STONE. This Informant also stated that he learned from [redacted] at this time that [redacted] of the publication "Amerasia", was extremely critical of certain newspaper correspondents and among those was I. F. STONE. [redacted] told this Informant that [redacted] had made this statement that "STONE doesn't get that sense of defending the Soviet Union all the time. How can a real Radical or Liberal not have that feeling?" In explaining this apparent deviation from the Communist line, [redacted] told this Informant that [redacted] was of the opinion that the Soviet Union was the workers government and was the one shining star in the whole world and consequently it was necessary to defend it to the last drop of blood which was something that STONE had not done all the time, and [redacted] felt that there was no excuse for this.

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Concerning [redacted] investigation by the FBI in 1945, identified him as [redacted] of the magazine, "Amerasia". In 1945, [redacted] and [redacted] were among a group of individuals arrested by the FBI for conspiring to commit an offense against the United States. The charges against [redacted] were subsequently nolle prossed and [redacted] after entering a plea of guilty to these charges, was fined \$2500.

[redacted] is presently in Europe and is a frequent contributor to the magazine, "The Nation".

Concerning "Amerasia", the California Committee on Un-American Activities, in its report for 1948, found that "Amerasia" was Communist initiated and controlled or so strongly influenced as to be in the Stalin Solar System.

(K) u T-27 also advised that [redacted] was sufficiently well acquainted with STONE to know that, at that particular time, STONE was spending approximately one half of his time in New York City.

Confidential Informant T-28, of known reliability, advised in September of 1945, that CHARLES RECHT, a registered agent of the Soviet Government, had spoken with STONE in an effort to learn about the un-American Activities probe presently being held by the House of Representatives Committee on Un-American Activities. RECHT told STONE that the Federal Bureau of Investigation was at that time sending (K) u

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agents to distributors of Soviet films and were trying to intimidate them. RECHT was advised by STONE to contact [redacted] an attorney with offices at 20 Pine Street, New York City. According to STONE, [redacted] had excellent contacts in the Department of Justice and might be able to aid RECHT in obtaining information regarding the Department of Justice's interest in Artkino Pictures, Inc., a Soviet sponsored firm which is represented in the United States by RECHT. (u) u

Confidential Informant T-29, whose reliability is not known to this office, advised that in 1941 one ANDRE SIMONE, was., OTTO KATZ, arrived in the United States from Paris, France. This Informant stated that after SIMONE's arrival in North America, he proceeded to Mexico City and subsequently acquired some wealth. According to this Informant, SIMONE was a paid propagandist of the Soviet Government and one who exercised considerable authority in the USSR circles in North America. This Informant stated that SIMONE at that time was in contact with STONE who was then the Washington correspondent for "PM" (u) u

Confidential Informant T-30, of known reliability, advised that during the late 1940's, STONE was in frequent contact with DAVID WAHL, the former Washington, D. C. representative of the American-Jewish Conference, who is now residing and employed in New York City. (u) u

u (u) Confidential Informant T-5, of known reliability, has identified WAHL as being a member of a Communist Party underground movement which operated in Washington, D. C. during the early 1940's.

Confidential Informant T-31, of known reliability, advised that during May 1947, STONE solicited the assistance of SI GERSON, the Legislative Director of the New York State Communist Party for information pertaining to the United States Government's prosecution of CARL MARZANI. STONE informed GERSON that he had read and considered all of the evidence presented by the Government in this case and concluded that the Government was in error and believed that another individual known as TONY WALES existed and that WALES was not identical with MARZANI as the Government had charged. In conjunction with this theory, this Informant advised that STONE requested GERSON to check the records of the Communist Party in an effort to locate this other "WALES", in order that STONE could write a story to "blow up the Government's case". This Informant advised that STONE was well acquainted with GERSON and did not indicate any particular hesitation in soliciting GERSON to secure this information. (u) u

u (u) Confidential Informant T-32, of known reliability, made available to the Pittsburgh office of the FBI a pamphlet entitled, "The Case

of CARL MARZANI". This pamphlet had been published by the Committee in defense of CARL MARZANI, 39 East 10th Street, New York City. MARZANI was identified in this pamphlet as a former Government employee who had been sentenced on June 27, 1947 in the United States District Court at Washington, D. C. to serve from one to three years in jail for having concealed his membership in the Communist Party in 1940 and 1941. Pages 8 through 15 of this pamphlet contained a reproduction of an article which I. F. STONE had written for "The Nation" of July 12, 1947 in which he summarized MARZANI's trial. In this article, STONE asserted that "the nature of MARZANI's indictment, not for Communist activities, but for false statements to Government investigators, made possible the ruling which fatally handicapped the defense when MARZANI came to trial." STONE stated the prosecution could bring out inflammatory matter to show how MARZANI had served the Communists, but the defense was limited to character witnesses and MARZANI's denials. In addition, STONE attacked the creditability of New York City policeman, A. S. DREW, who testified that MARZANI had been a Communist Party official during 1940 and 1941 in New York, under the name TONY WALES.

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u (C) On September 30, 1948, Confidential Informant T-33, of known reliability, advised that Dr. BERNARD J. PETERS, formerly of California and then residing in New York, arrived in Washington, D. C. to institute a law suit against the "Times Herald" for articles published concerning him. When visiting Washington on this occasion, PETERS resided at the residence of Dr. EDWARD U. CONDON, Director of the National Bureau of Standards, Department of Commerce. This Informant advised that CONDON arranged a meeting between Dr. PETERS and STONE and ABC correspondent, MARTIN AGRONSKY. CONDON explained to this Informant that it was his purpose to give these correspondents information relating to the spy charges that had been made against Dr. PETERS.

u (C) Confidential Informant T-34, who has furnished reliable information, advised in June of 1948, that PETERS was an active Soviet Espionage Agent during the early 1940's while residing in California.

u (C) Confidential Informant T-35, of known reliability, advised that during June 1950, STONE was in communication with DAVID JOHNSON LEISK, wa.; CROCKETT JOHNSON.

u (C) Confidential Informant T-4, previously identified, described LEISK as a self-employed writer and a concealed Communist.

The August 12, 1947 issue of the "Daily Worker" in a column entitled "Letters From Our Readers", contained a letter captioned,

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"Tribute to JOE BRODSKY from I. F. STONE". In this letter, STONE reported that although he did not know BRODSKY well, he liked him immensely. He said that BRODSKY had "fought a battle his whole life on the toughest front in America and served justice in the working class faithfully in accordance with the lights."

~~u~~ (X) T-1, previously identified, identified BRODSKY as one of the original founders of the Communist Party and a prominent Communist Party attorney who died during 1947.

~~u~~ (X) Confidential Informant T-36, of known reliability, was able to advise that during May 1947 STONE solicited the help of ALLAN ROSENBERG for assistance in preparing an article which STONE contemplated writing pertaining to the MARZANI case.

Confidential Informant T-37, of known reliability, advised that in 1946 STONE was personally acquainted with DUNCAN LEE. This same Informant also advised in 1946 that STONE was well acquainted with CHARLES KRAMER. This Informant learned that KRAMER was sufficiently well acquainted with STONE to be invited by STONE to a hideaway that was then being used by STONE in Washington, D. C., while he was preparing his book, "Underground in Palestine" (X)

Among STONE's other acquaintances, this Informant advised that he was acquainted with HERBERT SCHIMMEL, who in 1947 was employed by a United States Senatorial Committee (X) u

Confidential Informant T-38, of known reliability, has identified SCHIMMEL as being a close associate of such individuals as CHARLES KRAMER, HARRY MAGDOFF, IRVING KAPLIN, and HARRY WHITE. (X) u

ELIZABETH BENTLEY, in testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, during the summer of 1948, identified two Communist Espionage groups composed of Government employees and Government officials in Washington, D. C. She has testified that information supplied from the files of the Federal Government by members of these espionage groups was conveyed to New York City and turned over to agents of the Soviet Union. Among the members of these groups Miss BENTLEY had identified the following: ALLAN ROSENBERG, former employee of the Foreign Economic Administration; CHARLES KRAMER, former employee, National Relations Board, Office of Price Administration; HARRY MAGDOFF, former War Production Board employee; DUNCAN LEE, former employee of

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Office Strategic Services; IRVING KAPLIN, an employee of the War Production Board, and HARRY DEXTER WHITE, now deceased, but who had formerly been employed as an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Confidential Informant T-39, of known reliability, advised that while in Washington, D. C. STONE was well acquainted with ROB HALL, the Washington correspondent for the Communist publication, the "Daily Worker". On one occasion in February 1949, this Informant advised that STONE was invited by HALL to attend a luncheon which would also be attended, in addition to HALL, by JOSEPH STAROBIN, the Foreign Editor of the "Daily Worker", and MALCOLM HOBBS, a Washington, D. C. reporter for the Overseas News Agency. ~~(S)~~

u ~~(S)~~ Confidential Informant T-39A, of known reliability, and who is familiar with certain of the membership of the Communist Party in the District of Columbia, advised that HOBBS was a member of the Communist Party in Washington, D. C.

During the late 1940's, Confidential Informant T-37, previously identified, advised that STONE was also well acquainted with DICK SASULY, who was then employed as the Washington representative for the Federated Press. ~~(S)~~

u ~~(S)~~ Confidential Informant T-40, of known reliability, advised in August 1950 that during the late 1940's, he considered SASULY to be a member of the Communist Party and based this evaluation on personal conversations that the Informant had with SASULY in Philadelphia during 1948.

Confidential Informant T-39, advised in June 1949, STEVE NELSON, nationally known Communist Party official, who had formerly served as a Communist Party organizer in the San Francisco, California area, testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities concerning his participation in a Soviet Espionage group which operated in California in 1943 and which group had as its objective the obtaining of atomic energy secrets. According to this Informant, NELSON declined to answer questions relating to his espionage activities while being quizzed by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. After leaving this hearing, this Informant advised that NELSON arranged with MEL FISKE, who was then employed as a reporter by the "Daily Worker", to have the results of his hearing furnished to STONE. ~~(S)~~

Confidential Informant T-41, of known reliability, advised that among STONE's acquaintances in the legal profession in Washington, D. C. were DAVID REIN, JOSEPH FORER, MARTIN POPPER, and ROBERT SILBERSTEIN. ~~(S)~~

This Informant identified [redacted] who was in constant contact with officials of the Communist Party. With respect to [redacted] this Informant advised that [redacted]

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u (X) Confidential Informant T-5, previously identified, has advised that POPPER was a member of the Communist Party during the early 1940's.

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[redacted] This Informant has advised that [redacted]

[redacted] This Informant also identified REIN as a close associate of known Communists in this area who has also furnished legal advice to these Communists. This Informant noted that REIN has acted as attorney for GERHARDT EISLER while the latter was on trial in Washington, D. C. during 1947 for passport fraud and contempt of Congress. In addition, this Informant is aware that REIN represented NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER and WILLIAM LUDWIG UHLMAN while the latter two testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities during August 1948 in response to the allegations by ELIZABETH BENTLEY that they had been engaged in espionage on behalf of Russia while employed by the United States Government.

Concerning FORER, T-41, identified him as a local Washington, D. C. attorney who has furnished legal counsel to GERHARDT and HANS EISLER and to other prominent Communists such as LOUISE BRANSTON and JACOB STACHEL. In addition, this Informant advised that FORER has been in frequent association with such Communists as ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, ROB HALL, and SI GERSON (X)

It is to be noted that the National Lawyers Guild was cited as a Communist front by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities on March 29, 1944.

Confidential Informant T-42, of known reliability, advised that during 1949 and 1950, STONE maintained a close relationship with TRAVIS HEDRICK who was then employed by the USSR Informational Bulletin, an official publication of the Soviet Government in Washington, D. C. This Informant stated that on occasions, HEDRICK supplied STONE with information and data secured through his position with this Soviet publication. The Informant knew that HEDRICK had in March 1950 furnished STONE with the Soviet Union's proposals regarding elections and unification (X)

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cation of Germany and in September 1949 told STONE about the steps taken thus far by the Soviet Union in bringing about the international inspection and control of atomic energy. ~~(S)~~

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u(B) [Confidential Informant T-7] previously identified, identified HEDRICK as a member of the Communist Party.

[ASSOCIATION WITH SOVIET DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL] ~~(S)~~

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Confidential Informant T-42 has advised that during 1946 and 1947, STONE maintained a close relationship with M. S. VAVILOV, who was then serving as the First Secretary of the USSR Embassy in Washington, D. C. In March 1948, this Informant advised that STONE was known to E. P. TUMANTZEV, who was First Secretary of the Soviet Embassy and Chief of the Press Division. In 1949, this Informant learned that STONE was acquainted with Second Secretary Y. M. BRUSLOV, and V. N. MACHAVARIANI. The Informant advised that STONE was sufficiently well acquainted with VAVILOV during 1946 and 1947 that on one occasion he arranged for [] the former Secretary to DAVID WAHL, to meet with VAVILOV in order that she could arrange to send medicine to the Academy of Sciences in Moscow via the Soviet Embassy. ~~(S)~~

Informant T-42 also advised that STONE had informed him in October of 1940 that he had made arrangements for an appointment to speak with CONSTANTINE A. OUMANSKY, who was then serving as the Soviet Ambassador to the United States. OUMANSKY subsequently was designated Ambassador to Mexico by his Government, while serving in that capacity, Confidential Informant T-43, whose reliability is not known to this office, but occupies a position of trust in a foreign Government, advised in September of 1944 that OUMANSKY was the leading Communist agent in North America. ~~(S)~~

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DESCRIPTIVE DATA

The following physical description of STONE was secured from passport files of the Department of State and also from the files of

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Date of birth	December 24, 1907
Place of birth	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Race	White
Height	5'7"
Weight	155 lbs.
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown
Complexion	Light
Characteristics	Slightly deaf; wears earphone; wears glasses
U. S. residence	5618 Nebraska Ave., N.W., Washington, D. C.
Occupation	European correspondent, New York Daily Compass
Wife	ESTHER ROISMAN STONE

Photographs of the subject and his wife were secured from the Passport Division, Department of State, as were typewritten and handwritten specimens.

This case is being placed in a pending inactive status until STONE returns from Europe.

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LEAD PAGE

THE WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION

At Washington, D. C.

Upon STONE's return to the United States will ascertain his occupation and residence.

One copy of this report has been designated for the New York office inasmuch as STONE has been active in Communist Party activities in that district.

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T-1	Not used
T-2	Files, Post Intelligence Office, Perrin Field, Texas
T-3	New York Informant [redacted]
T-4	LOUISE FRANCIS BUDENZ
T-5	[redacted]
T-6	Anonymous
T-6A	[redacted] San Rafael, California
T-7	[redacted]
T-8	[redacted] (C)
T-9	[redacted] who requested her identity be confidential.
T-10	Selective Service System, Washington, D. C.
T-11	G-2, First Army, Governors Island, New York
T-12	[redacted]
T-13	C-639
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T-15	[redacted] (C)
T-16	[redacted] who has requested her identity be confidential.
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T-18	[redacted] (C)
T-19	[redacted] (C)
T-20	[redacted] (C)

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T-21	[redacted]	
T-22	NYND 426	(S)
T-23	[redacted]	(S)
T-24	[redacted]	(S)
T-25	[redacted]	(S)
T-26	Security files, State Department	
T-27	Anonymous	
T-28	[redacted]	
T-29	[redacted]	
T-30	[redacted]	(S)
T-31	NYT 25	(S)
T-32	[redacted]	
T-33	C-505	
T-34	San Francisco,	[redacted]
T-35	[redacted]	
T-36	C-639	
T-37	[redacted]	
T-38	C-445	
T-39	C-550	(S)
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T-40	[redacted]	Brooklyn, New York

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REFERENCE:

Report of SA [redacted], dated April 9, 1951
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Report of SA FRANCIS J. DUANE, dated February 28, 1951
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DIRECTOR, FBI

June 13, 1951

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ISIDOR WEINSTEIN STONE, was.
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Re report of SA FRANCIS J. DUANE dated June 13,
1951 at Washington, D. C. in this matter.

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Upon receipt indicating that STONE is returning
to the United States, a recommendation that STONE be considered
a security index subject will be made by this office to the
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Room 535, Old Post Office Building
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July 13, 1951

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ROY M. NORTH

Postmaster
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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In connection with an investigation being conducted
by this Bureau, it is requested that a cover be placed on all
mail, including special delivery and registered mail, of the
following for a period of thirty days: *(C) (u)*

I. F. STONE
Kellogg Building, Room 225
1416 F Street, Northwest
Washington, D. C.

☒ return cards

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Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

G. W. STEIN

Special Agent in Charge

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Washington Field Office, Room 535
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July 13, 1951

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TO: COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS
SUBJECT: ISIDOR FEINSTEIN STONE

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ON 3/23/92

Reference is made to the Federal Bureau of Investigation unnumbered circular letter dated June 14, 1951, in which you were requested to notify the nearest office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the event STONE should enter the United States at a port in your district.

It will no longer be necessary to maintain this stop notice.

Your cooperation has been greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

C. W. STEIN, *MO*
Special Agent in Charge

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ISIDOR WILSON STONE, was.
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Re: Special Agent FRANCIS J. RUANE dated August 22, 1951, at Washington, D. C., which contains information indicating that STONE has moved from Washington, D. C., to New York City. In view of this, the Bureau is requested to designate New York as Office of Origin in this matter.

In the event the Bureau agrees to this change, it is suggested that the New York Office submit a recommendation that STONE be made a Security Index subject.

For the information of the New York Office, handwriting specimens of STONE have already been secured and forwarded to the Bureau and are presently on file in the National Security File at the FBI Laboratory. (S)

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